

JUNIOR 1000 ECOSSE CHALLENGE

Rallying for 14-17 year olds



This weekend will see the last 2 rounds of the J1000 Ecosse Challenge with a foreign trip to Anglesey. With the loss of the Solway Coast rally the last round which is run over 2 days will be split to give us the 2 counting rounds we require.

Anglesey gives a new challenge to the young drivers with a couple of the stages on the Saturday being run in the dark. All the competitors are looking forward to the challenge and we have a full entry for the Ecosse joining a full entry for the English J1000 teams.

The battle for top honours is close but swings in the favour of Cameron Davidson. A good sensible drive from him should be enough to seal the title but if you have ever seen them you will know they do not back off from anything!

An outstanding performance all year by Thomas Johnston in the small but mighty micra has people noticing him! He was shortlisted and made it to the last 5 put forward for the UK young rally driver of the year award at the world motorsport expo in Cologne. Unfortunately, the award did not come to this side of the border, but Thomas is certainly a young man to be watched for future. At the age of 15 he has built and prepped the car on his own under the watchful eye of his grandad. He turns up at events with his tools and his mum in support so most of his servicing is done on his own with the occasional bit of help or advice being offered from others. When you look at the results you will see it is a 100% finish on every event so far this year for him.

Our awards presentation will be held at the Riverside Museum in Glasgow on the afternoon of Sunday 5th January. Anyone who wishes to come along and show support is welcome. All we ask is you let us know in advance so that we have enough sandwiches!

Focus is now onto next year and getting events to make up the championship. At the moment we are looking at retaining 8 rounds with 6 counting. We have lost the Solway coast rally off the list, but we have had an offer from the Weeton Rally to change their date to accommodate the Juniors after the visit to them this year. Hopefully in the next few days we will have all the dates sorted out to release a calendar.

Everyone in the championship would like to pass on their thanks to the support that everyone has given this year and for giving us the chance to report at the meetings on the progress of our talented young competitors.

Regards Stuart Sheridan Co-ordinator J1000 Ecosse Challenge

OUR MISSION:

"To educate and prepare young people for a future in rallying through training and participation"